

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



Governor's Office

PROCLAMATION

GENERAL AVIATION AND AEROSPACE APPRECIATION MONTH

September 2011

WHEREAS, The aviation and aerospace industry represents 3% – 5% of the United States annual Gross Domestic Product (GDP); and

WHEREAS, General Aviation and Community Airports play a critical role in the lives of our citizens, as well as in the operation of our businesses and farms; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aerospace, aircraft manufacturing, educational institutions and aviation organizations and community airports and airport operators; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is home to 133 public use airports and heliports, which serve 25,280 pilots and 8,162 based general aviation aircraft. Aviation in Pennsylvania is responsible for 304,460 jobs, or five percent of all jobs in the state. General aviation airports support over 8,550 of these jobs; and

WHEREAS, general aviation alone in Pennsylvania contributes \$1.3 billion to the commonwealth's economy. In fact, the State of Pennsylvania's Statewide Aviation System Plan estimated total contribution to be \$23.6 billion to the state economy yearly; and

WHEREAS, General Aviation plays a vital role in the State's response to emergencies and natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is home to 67 charter flight companies, and over 40 flight schools. In addition, there are more than 140 fixed-based operators in the state; and

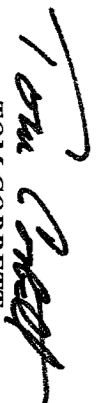
WHEREAS, organizations like the Aviation Council of Pennsylvania, the Alliance for Aviation Across America, General Aviation Manufacturers Association, National Business Aviation Association, National Association of State Aviation Officials, the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, National Air Transportation Association, and Flight School Association of North America, recognize and promote the interests and importance of aviation in Pennsylvania and throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, many communities in Pennsylvania depend heavily on General Aviation and Community Airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists and visitors to our state.

THEREFORE, in recognition of General Aviation's role as a vital, strategic resource in Pennsylvania, I, Tom Corbett, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 2011 as GENERAL AVIATION AND AEROSPACE APPRECIATION MONTH in the Commonwealth.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, on this twenty-fifth day of August in the Year of our Lord two thousand and eleven, and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and thirty-sixth.




TOM CORBETT
Governor